



Honorable Kenneth J. Vampola

Judgeship

2005 – present

Judge of the County Court, 6th Judicial District

(Burt, Cedar, Dakota, Dixon, Dodge, Thurston, & Washington counties)

Experience

2003 - 2005

Lincoln, NE

Nebraska Board of Parole, chairman

Member of the Governor's Cabinet

1998 – 2003

Winnebago, NE

Winnebago Tribal Court Judge

1998 – 2003

Arlington/Fremont, NE

Private practice of law

1995 – 1998

Winnebago, NE

Winnebago Tribal Prosecutor & Juvenile Presenting Officer

1991

Omaha, NE

Brashear & Ginn, summer associate

1990 – 1992

Lincoln, NE

Nebraska Department of Justice, law clerk

Education

University of Nebraska College of Law, 1992

Juris Doctorate
with distinction

University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1978

Bachelor of Arts –
Journalism; minors in English, Psychology, & Biology

Judicial/Law Related Activities

Professional Affiliations

Nebraska State Bar Association

Nebraska State Bar Foundation
 Nebraska County Judges Association
 United States Department of Justice – National Institute of Corrections, Youthful Offenders in the Adult Criminal Justice System Exploratory Expert Group, 2010
 United States Commission on Civil Rights, Nebraska Advisory Committee, 2009 - present
 State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, Judicial Branch Representative, 2008
 Governor's Substance Abuse Work Team, 2003 – 2009
 Governor's Cabinet, 2003 - 2005
 Nebraska Community Corrections Council, 2003 – 2005
 State Council for Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, Parole Board Representative, 2003 – 2005
 Nebraska Serious & Violent Offender Re-entry program Steering Committee, 2003 – 2005
 National Council of Parole Chairs, Advisory Council to Association of Paroling Authorities International, 2003 – 2005
 Weed & Seed Steering Committee, Tri-Jurisdiction, 2003

Nebraska State Bar/Local Attorney Association Committees

House of Delegates, Nebraska State Bar Association, 6th District, 2009 – present
 Nebraska High School Mock Trial, through NE State Bar Foundation
 Regional Coordinator, 2005 – 2007
 Nebraska State Bar Association, NE State Planning Group, 2001

Nebraska Supreme Court Committees

Evidence-Based Practices Committee, 2008 – present
 Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, Pre-Hearing Conferences Protocol Development Committee, 2007
 Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, lead judge 6th district, 2006 - present
 Commission on Children in the Courts, 2004 – present
 Minority Justice Committee, 2003 – 2009

Community Activities

Fremont Chamber of Commerce
 Knights of Columbus – 3rd and 4th Degree
 Oblate to the Order of St. Benedict
 Winnebago Tribe Boys and Girls Club, Board of Directors
 Boys & Girls Club Steering Committee, member, 1998 – 2003
 Juvenile Services Planning Committee, 1998 – 2003
 Winnebago Community Strategic Planning Committee, 1998 – 2003
 Police Review Board, member, 1995 – 1998
 Multi-disciplinary Task Force, 1995 – 1998
 Child Protection Team, 1995 – 1998

Family Preservation Committee, 1995 – 1998
Domestic Violence Task Force, 1995 – 1998
Youth Preservation Task Force, 1995 - 1998

Honors and Awards

2009, Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow

Nebraska State Bar Foundation Fellow selection is based on the integrity and character of the lawyer/judge. Fellows are accredited by colleagues as leaders of the legal profession who contribute to charitable works and community education. Membership recognizes established legal professionals dedicated to improving the administration of justice.

Most Supportive Judge Award, Nebraska Foster Youth Council, 2010

Special Friend Award, Nebraska Foster Care Review Board, 2008

Visionary Award, Nebraska State Bar Association, Charitable Funds, Inc, 2006

Teaching & Publishing

Adjunct Instructor of Juvenile Justice, Midland University, Fall 2010

Graduation Address, Fremont Public Schools Learning Center, Fremont, NE, 2010

Opening Address on Indian Child Welfare Act Training, Boys & Girls Home of Nebraska Inc., Norfolk, NE 2010

Keynote address on Poverty and the Courts, Fremont Care Corps Annual Dinner, Fremont, NE, 2010

Panel Speaker, Office of Dispute Resolution Regional Conference, 2009

Speaker, "Crafting the Sentence," Nebraska Judges' Annual Meeting, 2009

Panel Speaker, on the role of mediation in Nebraska's Judicial System, Heartland Regional Conference of Mediators, 2009

Panel Speaker, on Evidence-Based Sentencing to Reduce Recidivism, Heartland Regional Conference of Mediators, 2008

Legislative-Judicial Visit program, 2008

Panel Speaker, on Indian Child Welfare Act Update, NE Bar Association Continuing Legal Education, 2007

Panel Speaker, on pre-hearing conferences best practices, Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative Regional Conference, 2007

Guest Speaker, on mental health issues in juvenile & criminal cases, Dodge County Mental Health Coalition, 2007

Panel Speaker, Juvenile Court Best Practices Termination of Parental Rights, County Judges Meeting, 2007

Panel Speaker, "A Day in the Life," Nebraska Bar Association Leadership Academy, 2007

Panel Speaker, "Offender Re-Entry," National Crime Victim's Rights Conference, 2005

Panel Speaker, on professionalism and ethics, Nebraska Corrections Association Annual Meeting, 2004

Panel Speaker, on cross-jurisdictional law enforcement issues, Child Abuse and Domestic Violence Conference, 2004

Guest Speaker, on state and tribal juvenile jurisdiction, Ponca Tribe of Nebraska Conference on Juvenile Justice, 2004

Luncheon speaker, on Board of Parole purpose and policy revisions, American Corrections Association/Nebraska Chapter, 2003

Guest Speaker, on Board of Parole goals and objectives for 2003-2004, Nebraska Parole Officers/Administration Annual Training, 2003

Panel Speaker, on juvenile issues presented to judges and associated professionals, Center on Children, Families, and the Law, 2003

Panel Speaker, on tribal civil jurisdiction, Jurisdictional Issues in Indian Country, 2003

Panel Speaker, on effective tribal justice and enforcement, at the National Tribal Environmental Protection Conference, 2002

Panel Speaker, Indian Child Welfare Act in Nebraska, at the Continuing Legal Education Seminar Creighton University, 2001

Panel Speaker, Tribal Justice and Jurisdiction, UNL Law School Forum, 2000

Lecturer, Indian Child Welfare Act: Current Issues, Rulings, & Legal Effect in State & Tribal Courts, to the Douglas County Multi-Disciplinary child Protection Team, 1999

Continuing Education

Incentives and Sanctions, National Drug Court Institute, 2010

Children's Summit, Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, 2009

Evidence-Based Sentencing Practices to Reduce Recidivism: A Faculty Workshop, National Judicial College, 2009

Self-Represented Litigants in NE Courts, Regional Judges' Education, 2008

Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, Regional Conference, Nebraska Supreme Court, 2007

Northeast-Great Lakes Regional Meeting on Extending Project Passport, VAWA Model Protection Order, National Center for State Courts, 2007

Nebraska Children's Summit, Nebraska Supreme Court, 2006

General Jurisdiction, National Judicial College, 2006

National Train the Trainer Conference, National Drug Court Institute Sustainability of Drug Courts, 2004

Joint Re-Entry Initiative of U.S. Depts., of Justice, Veterans Affairs, Social Security, Health & Human Service, Housing, Education, and Labor, National Conference on Violent Offender Re-Entry, 2004

Governor's Meth Summit, 2004

Nebraska Dept. of Corrections Vision and Planning Conference, 2004

National Parole Chair Meetings, 2003

Essentials of a Tribal Judge, National Judicial College, 2001

Mediation Training, 2000

Office of Juvenile Justice Tribal Youth Programs, U.S. Dept. of Justice Regional Meeting, 2000

Violence Against Women Act, Great Lakes/Central Regional Meeting on Implementing Full Faith and Credit, National Center for State Courts, MN and NM, 2000

Criminal Justice Policy and Research Conference, US Dept. of Justice Office of Policy and Research, Washington, DC, 1997